ABSTRACT AMENDMENT(S)

An automatic gain control circuit is used to vary the gain of a low noise amplifier and baseband amplifiers in a direct conversion receiver in a mobile telephone handset. The automatic gain control circuit is configured to cause a power level (57) of a signal supplied to an analog-to-digital converter having a signal-to-noise ratio of 33dB to converge on a reference level (49) using a two-stage process.

(Figure 9)